

## LATEST NEWS OF THE WORLD BY TELEGRAPH AND CABLE.

### YELLOW FEVER AT HAMPTON

The Disease Makes Its Appearance at Soldier's Home.

#### ORIGIN OF THE TROUBLE

The Federal Government Officials at Washington Take Prompt Action—Experts and Immune Nurses Hurried to the Scene to Control and Stamp Out the Disease—Army Officials on the Ground.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 31.—Surgeon General Wyman of the Marine Hospital Service, had a conference with Secretary Alger at 12 o'clock to-day concerning the yellow fever situation at Hampton. The Secretary of War is ex-officio president of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home, and as a consequence his orders concerning the Home would govern it. At present the Home is under the direction of the governor of the Home and Surgeon Vickery, General Wyman has sent to Hampton Surgeon White, a very experienced yellow fever physician, who will take control of everything under the Marine Hospital Service.

Secretary Alger has directed the Josiah Simpson Hospital at Fort Monroe to be turned over to the Marine Hospital Service if it is wanted by Surgeon General Wyman.

This hospital contains one thousand beds and was fitted up for the troops stationed at Newport News last summer. Only a small portion of it has ever been used. The Secretary told General Wyman to call on the War Department for anything that it had or was wanted and it would be furnished at once without regard to regulations or rules. The Secretary said that Surgeon General Wyman should be assisted in every way in dealing with the epidemic.

#### FORTRESS MONROE.

The following order was issued by the War Department to-day:

Commanding General,  
Department of the East,  
Governor's Island, N. Y.:

"The presence of yellow fever having been officially reported at the Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va., the Secretary of War directs that you give orders for the immediate movement of the garrison at Fort Monroe to some place of safety, somewhere on the Northern coast, to be selected by you. Two commissioned officers and not less than twenty men will be left in charge of the post. If there are immunes in the command they will be given preference. Acknowledge receipt and report action taken.

"H. C. CORBIN,  
Adjutant-General."

The Marine Hospital Service to-day hurried a number of surgeons to Hampton and vicinity.

Dr. Wasdin, of the Marine Hospital Service, is already at Hampton, and is detailed as the expert at the Home. Dr. J. H. White left Washington this morning and will be on duty outside. Drs. C. P. Wertenbaker, Frank Donaldson, E. A. Pottus and McClintock will be distributed through Newport News, Phoebus, and other nearby points as occasion requires. Surgeon General Wyman has not yet decided whether he will go to Hampton, but will do so if there is any need of his services.

#### GENESIS OF THE TROUBLE.

The officers of the Marine Hospital Service refuse to speculate on the genesis of the epidemic, but it is generally believed to have originated in some of the shore dives in Phoebus, and cases are looked for there. Arrangements are already made to throw quarantines around any place where the disease shows itself outside the Home.

The Washington health office was notified about daylight this morning of the Hampton outbreak. The morning boat from Old Point was inspected, but no passengers detained. The trains will also be watched. There is a detention settlement of cottages on the Eastern Branch which was under the Home's recent smallpox outbreak. This is being overhauled to receive any suspects who are detected by the Washington authorities.

The troops at Fort Monroe consist of three batteries of the Fourth Artillery, together with the headquarters of that regiment, all under command of Colonel F. L. Gunther. The batteries there are G, N, and O.

#### OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION.

Surgeon-General Sternberg has received the following from Lieutenant-Colonel deWitt:

"Fort Monroe, Va., July 31.  
"Surgeon-General, U. S. A.  
"Washington:

"At 4 o'clock p. m. yesterday, Surgeon Pottus, U. S. Marine Hospital Service, quarantine officer, officially states that yellow fever has been at National Soldiers' Home, Hampton; thirty-four cases, with six deaths. Commanding officer took immediate measures for quarantine. Surgeon Pottus states Surgeon-General Marine Hospital Service was notified yesterday afternoon.

"DeWITT, Surgeon."

#### ARMY OFFICIALS ON GROUND.

Adjutant General Corbin and Major Johnston, assistant adjutant general, were at Fort Monroe yesterday and were present when Surgeon Pottus made his report to Lieutenant Colonel deWitt regarding the outbreak of yellow fever at the Soldiers' Home.

#### HOW IT ORIGINATED.

General Corbin says that one theory of the way in which the fever might have been brought to the Home is that

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### RICHMOND NEWS AND GOSSIP

The City Quarantines Against Hampton, Phoebus and Old Point.

#### MOVEMENTS OF TRAINS

Mr. Walker W. Taylor Run Over by Locomotive and Killed—Seaboard Air Line Extension—Capt. Page McFarly Sues Street Railway Co.—The Governor Will Attend State Bar Association Meeting.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., July 31.—Information regarding the existence of yellow fever at Hampton was first received in Richmond by Governor Tyler Sunday night. At 10:30 o'clock he received the following telegram from the health officer of Newport News:

"Newport News, Va., July 30, 1899.

"Governor J. Hoge Tyler, Richmond, Va.:

"Thirty cases yellow fever diagnosed Soldiers' Home. Three deaths to-day. Authorities quarantined this evening. No cases outside Home. Origin probably old soldier. Write fully tomorrow."

"SAMUEL W. HOBSON."

The Governor at once called up Mayor Taylor and informed him of the contents of the telegram and gave the

same information to the Mayor of Petersburg. He tried to get Mayor Johnston, of Norfolk, to the phone to inform the news to him, but was unsuccessful. The Governor also called up Dr. Paulus A. Irving, secretary of the State Board of Health, and informed of the contents of the telegram.

Early this morning Dr. Irving called a meeting of the board, at which were present besides himself, Drs. Landon B. Edwards and Hugh U. Taylor, the members from this city. The necessity of taking steps to prevent the infection reaching this city was fully realized, and as a result of the meeting the board declared a quarantine against Hampton, Phoebus and Old Point. The board ordered the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad officials, ordering them to no trains beyond Newport News from the West.

Dr. Oppenheimer, the Richmond Health Officer, declared a quarantine against the foregoing places. Dr. Oppenheimer does not think there is any probability whatever of the disease appearing in this city.

#### RUN OVER AND KILLED.

Walker W. Taylor, now of Newport News, was run over by a tender and killed at the Chesapeake and Ohio station in this city yesterday afternoon. Mr. Taylor was employed as a painter in the ship-yard at Newport News. His family live at 251 East Main street and Mr. Taylor came up as often as possible on Saturday evening. Yesterday he was late in leaving home and got to the station just as the 3:45 train was backing out. Stories as to the way in which the accident happened are somewhat conflicting, but as nearly as can be ascertained, Mr. Taylor came through the station running.

He struck one of the pillars which supports the shed and rebounded, falling under the tender of the engine. His wheels ran over his right leg, cutting it off near the hip. Mr. Taylor was removed to the Almshouse, where he died last night shortly after 6 o'clock.

#### S. A. L. EXTENSIONS.

President John Skelton Williams, of the Seaboard Air Line, is back in Richmond to-day. He was in New York on business the latter part of last week. Mr. Williams said he had no news to

give out except that the business of the railroad lines of which he is president is rapidly increasing. A big order for cars has just been placed with the shops at Americus, Ga. The work on the link to connect the Seaboard system with the Florida, Central and Peninsular at Columbia, S. C., is far advanced. The companies have taken possession of Sidney Park in Columbia, which was acquired from that city.

Mr. Kenefick, who is the manager for the general contractors for the building of the Richmond, Petersburg and Carolina road, is in Richmond to-day. He reports that the work is progressing in a most satisfactory manner all along the route.

#### CAPTAIN MCCARTY SUES.

In the Law and Equity Court to-day suit was brought by Capt. Page McCarty against the Richmond Railway and Electric Company for \$2,000 damages. The action grows out of an injury received by the plaintiff on the company's line.

#### BREVITIES.

Wm. G. Pilkinton, who shot and killed State Senator Wm. M. Flanagan, was in the city to-day. He is looking for a great case will come up before the grand jury at the August term of Powhatan County Court next Monday. It is thought the trial will be postponed until September.

Governor Tyler will leave to-morrow to attend the session of the State Bar Association at Hot Springs.

#### THE PHILIPPINE WAR.

#### SENATOR BURROWS SAYS IT WILL JEOPARDIZE REPUBLICAN SUCCESS.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 31.—Senator Burrows, of Michigan, in an interview with a Post reporter this afternoon, said: "It is my judgment that if the war in the Philippines is still in progress next year and the end is not then in sight, the situation will be to the disadvantage of the Republican party. The only hope for the party and country I might add, is in a speedy change of conditions in the Philippines. Unless the war in the Philippines speedily ends, it will become an important political factor, and its continuance will make the outlook for Republican success uncertain, to say the least."

"If I could have my way, we would have simply taken a coaling station or a base of supplies in the island of Luzon, we would not have paid a penny to Spain, and we would have our foot hold in the East without the sacrifice of life and money. I believe in finding new markets for our people, who are the greatest producers the world has ever known, and the Orient doubtless offers a great opportunity. No one yet knows what possibilities are to be afforded by China, which seems now to be staggering to her fall. If there is to be a great development in that direction, I certainly want the United States to have a share. At the same time we must not overlook the fact that we may run counter at any moment to England, France or Germany, and I believe that England, now apparently so friendly, will strike us at the moment we cross her threshold. More than this, I say frankly that if our participation in the Eastern trade is to be purchased at the cost of an indefinite war in the Philippines, we will not pay a very large price for what we receive."

#### ADMIRAL SAMPSON SUES.

#### HE LITIGATES THE SPANISH CRUISER MARIA TERESA.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Washington, July 31.—Rear Admiral William T. Sampson has filed a suit in the Supreme Court of the District, charging the Spanish vessel of war, Maria Teresa, and miscellaneous stores and supplies captured upon her, and other Spanish war vessels, in his suit he claims that in his own behalf, and also in the behalf of all the officers and enlisted men of the United States naval force who took part in the naval engagement off Santiago, Cuba, on July 3, 1898, and in capturing made subsequent thereto, and also as far as he is by law permitted on behalf of the United States, he brings this bill against all persons claiming any interest in the prize property.

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#### RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE.

#### DR. JAS. A. DUNCAN ELECTED TO THE PRESIDENCY.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Richmond, Va., July 31.—Rev. Dr. James A. Duncan, of the Holston Conference and located at Knoxville, Tenn., was to-night elected president of Randolph-Macon College, succeeding Dr. J. A. Kern, resigned. Rev. Dr. W. R. Edwards, of the Virginia Conference, was elected to the chair of moral philosophy and Biblical literature, the trustees having decided to separate the chair from the presidency.

#### Colony Wall Dead.

(By Telegraph to Virginian-Pilot.)

Rockingham, N. C., July 31.—Colonel H. C. Wall, member of the State House of Representatives from this county, died at Blowing Rock this morning. He was sick with pneumonia for only two or three days. His remains will reach here to-morrow night and be buried Wednesday. He was one of our most useful and best beloved citizens. The whole county mourns his loss.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF NEWS.

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### PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES TAKEN

Norfolk Authorities Act on the News From Hampton.

#### NODANGER APPREHENDED

The Board of Health Moves Promptly and Meetings of Official Bodies of the Three Cities of the Port Are Held to Arrange For Active Cooperation in Preventing the Disease From Reaching Here.

Intelligence was received in this city Sunday night about 9 o'clock that yellow fever had made its appearance in the Soldiers' Home at Hampton. Several members of the Board of Health and other city officials were at once notified, and at 10:30 o'clock a meeting of the Board of Health was convened for the purpose of taking prompt action to bar out the disease.

At the meeting were Dr. C. F. Newbill, Dr. McCormick, Dr. Riddick, of the Board of Health; Mr. N. Beaman, Mr. R. Henry Jones, Hon. William A. Young, Judge Thomas H. Wilcox and Captain of Police Prince.

The probability of the yellow fever spreading to other points was discussed, and it was decided that stringent efforts should be taken at once to keep down the possibility of the fever reaching Norfolk.

The following resolution was adopted: "The public is notified that until further orders a strict quarantine is hereby declared against Old Point, Phoebus